

REMARKS

Applicant has reviewed the Office Action mailed February 28, 2001. No claims are being canceled or amended by this Response. Thus, claims 1-19 are pending in the application. Applicant hereby requests further examination and reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks.

Claim Rejection - 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Davis et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,822,123). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Anticipation requires the disclosure in a single prior art reference of each and every element of the claim, arranged as in the claim. *M.P.E.P.* § 2131. Applicant respectfully submits that the Office Action does not make out a *prima facie* case of anticipation because Davis does not teach each and every element of the claimed invention, as recited in independent claims 1, 6, 11, and 16, and the claims depending therefrom.

Independent claims 1, 6, 11, and 16 each require maintenance of “a subset of program information for at least one related program of a given program with program information for the given program.” As defined in the specification, the term “related programs” includes: “episodes of recurring programs, segments of a multi-part program, programs with similar content, and programs related through an intermediate program” (Specification, page 2, lines 7-12; page 12, line 14 to page 13, line 6).

By contrast, Davis fails to disclose, teach, or suggest maintenance of “a subset of program information for at least one related program of a given program with program information for the given program.” The Examiner refers to Fig. 21 and Col. 19, lines 57-67 of Davis as disclosing maintenance of a subset of program information for at least one related program.

In each of the FLIP, BROWSE and MENU modes, a lower case “i” icon appears at a number of occasions in connection with certain program listings, such as movies, such as the “i” 203 shown in FIG. 20. Any time this icon appears, the user can view additional programming information, generally comprising a textual description of program content and/or other information related to the program, such as the names of cast members and the like, by depressing the “i” key 48 on the remote controller 40. An example of a display of such additional information is shown in FIG. 21. Col. 19, lines 57-67 (emphasis added).

However, this “additional programming information” in the Davis reference does not include program information for a related program; instead, the program information is related to the

selected program itself. Additionally, the Examiner refers to Col. 32, lines 22-39 as disclosing maintenance of a subset of program information for at least one related program.

In addition to blocking all non-selected content-specific programming when a particular content-specific category has been selected, the microcontroller can be programmed to enable all added-value programming or services that are specially related to the selected content-specific category.

However, this "added-value programming or services" in the Davis reference does not include program information for a related program; instead, it includes program information and additional service information related to a content-specific category of programs. In other words, the user of the system disclosed in Davis is able to retrieve programming and services information only if the user has selected a content-specific category of programs, such as sports programs. If the user of the system disclosed in Davis selects one given program, the user is not able to retrieve a subset of program information for at least one related program of the given program, as recited in independent claims 1, 6, 11, and 16, and the claims depending therefrom.

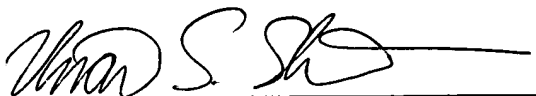
Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that a *prima facie* case of anticipation has not been established, and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-19 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance of all claims therein. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney, (949) 609-4807, to facilitate prosecution of this application. If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0439.

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